[*English*]

Machinery Gifted to P.G. Institute of Basic Medical Sciences Taramani

2147. DR. R. SRIDHARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Overseas Development Authority has given gifts of machinery to the P.G. Institute of Basic Medical sciences at Taramani in Tamil Nadu during 1991; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the British High Commission (British Council Division). The Overseas Development Authority (UK) had given to the P.G. Institute of Basic Medical Sciences Taramani, Tamil Nadu the undermentioned equipment during 1991 under the Phase II of the Viral Hepatitis project-

(a) Deep Freezer (-70. C)

(b) UV visible recording spectrophometer

(c) Ultra Centrifuge.

[*Translation*]

Village Level Plantation programmes

2148. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI PROBHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a programme for plantation of trees at village level with a view to encourage villagers; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Involvement of villagers in tree planting on village commonlands and on their own lands in being promoted through the Social Forestry Programme under implementation all over the country. The programme activities include establishement of Village Woodlots People's Nurseries Tree Growers' Cooperatives fuelwood and fodder projects tree planting along canals, railway lines and roads and projects taken up through Non-Government Organisations/Voluntary Agencies.

[*English*]

Assistance to Maharashtra for Health Care of Tribals

2149. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the assistance provided to Maharashtra for health care and Medical facilities of tribals districts-wise during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): Health is a State subject under the Constitution. However under major health schemes in the Central Sector and amount of Rs. 87.60 lakhs was allocated for Tribal Sub-Plan to Maharashtra during 1991-92.

Schools Selected for Computer Education

2150. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools selected to computer education and study programme of NCERT in Kerala;

(b) the details of the amount sanctioned by the Union Government during 1990-91 under this programme; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) to (c) Under the Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) Project being implemented since 1984-85, 104 Secondary Schools have been selected for coverage in Kerala upto 1989-90 No new school has been selected under the project since 1990-91. An amount of Rs 3,32,500/ was sanctioned in 1990 91 to the NCERT for disbursement to the State Nodal Officer towards contingent grant for 95 schools @Rs. 3500/- per school where computers had actually been installed.

Service In Rural Areas by Doctors

2151 SHRI N. DENNIS. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether services by doctors in rural areas of the country has been made compulsory;

(b) if so, the States and Union Territories that have implemented this schemes;

(c) the reasons for not implementing this scheme by other States and Union Territories; and

(d) the steps taken to make this scheme applicable uniformly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). The Central Council of Health and Family Welfare at its meeting held in February 1989, recommended that the Central and State Governments should make it compulsory for all those doctors joining Government service to serve for two years in rural areas with out any exception. The recommendation has been circulated to all concerned As per available information, the States of Gujarat, Kerala, Tamil-Ndu, Karnatka and Orissa have been made it obligatory for doctors to serve in rural areas the States of Maharashtra and Meghalaya obtain bonds for m medical students to serve in rural areas after graduation.

There is no central scheme prescribing compulsory rural service for doctors in rural areas. However in order to orient the medical students towards rural service, the Reorientation of Medical Education (ROME) Scheme was introduced as a Centrally sponsored scheme in the country in 1977 involving the various medical colleges for direct delivery of health care services to the rural and semi-rural population. The main principles of the scheme have also been incorporated in the Regulations of the Medical Council of India and all medical colleges are required to implement these Regulations The Scheme has been transferred to the States in 1990.

Import of Electric Locomotives

2152. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have placed an order for the outright purchase of electric locomotives from a Swedish-German firm; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?